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18 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: []

FROM: []

SUBJECT:

BGFRIEND Monthly Activities Report for the Period
15 April - 14 May 1953, Inclusive

1. Personnel

The BGFRIEND Desk [] is composed of 15 persons. They are assigned primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

Direction, Plans and Administration	- 5
Case officer duties	- 4
Training	- 4
Operational support	- 1
Secretarial duties	- 1

Although these figures are identical to those quoted last month, two changes have occurred in the BGFRIEND staff. [] has been replaced as BGFRIEND [] by [] as of [] who entered on duty 22 April 1953.

2. Production

a. Positive reports	- 7
b. Dispatches	- 63
c. Cables	- 39

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3. Support functions

Provision of material to [] for P/W activities on a routine basis.

4. Operational activity

a. Operational activities implemented or acted upon

(1) RNPutlog, Gabord and Gabnegate were dropped to Apple on the night of 1-2 May to conduct Airtight, RNDomino and a friend out of the country for debriefing. Gabnegate was hurt slightly on the drop but his injuries have not prevented him from accompanying the exfiltration party. This party of six men left RNCertain in charge

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of Apple on 12 May and headed for the border. They established W/T contact with base on 13 May.

(2) Observant. Caduceus is still working on interrogations of the recent Albanian exfiltrees.

(3) Obligate. Gaccent continues to report on activities in Lavrion.

b. GE Activities

None

c. Future operations in planning stage - recruitment and training program

(1) Plum tree team comprised of Identity (1), (2), and GADUMM is now being trained for infiltration by air to Apple in the near future.

(2) Orange tree team comprised of AIROMETER, RNDREPART, and AIRBLOWN is now being trained for infiltration by air to Apple in the near future.

(3) Lemon tree team will be trained as soon as possible after its complement has been determined.

(4) With the arrival of [] preparations for the establishment of the [] are under way. The PRQ-I on the W/T operator for this station was submitted in SGAA-3607.

(5) We have spotted candidates for the mission to North - eastern Albania that is to operate with Yugoslav support. None of these men have been sounded out regarding their willingness to undertake the mission. We are also considering the possibility of using men provided by [] for this mission.

(6) The W/T training program is progressing on schedule.

d. Inactive operations

(1) Willow team will be staged and infiltrated as soon as Plum and Orange are off our hands.

(2) Fig team will be staged and infiltrated immediately after Willow.

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(3) A decision has not yet been made regarding the future of Throttler team.

e. Ammunition operations

None

f. Conclusions

Our schedule for 1953 agent operations, as partially outlined above, is necessarily a tentative one at this time. Headquarters will be kept fully advised of additional plans and changes in existing plans as decisions on scheduling can be made here.

The OBAtlantis construction project is on schedule in spite of delays in delivery of building materials procured in Germany.

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Identities to Memorandum to Basco, dtd 18 May 1953, EGFIEND Monthly Activities Report are:

- (1) Pal Dretea
- (2) Zemun Gjelencia

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